

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2709 - HB 2462**

March 13, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** In regards to workers compensation claims, expands the group of physicians to be designated by an employer for treatment from three to four, one of whom shall be a doctor of chiropractic, if the injury is a back injury.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Claims Award Fund**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000**

Based on information received from the State Treasurer's office estimate assumes increased payments from the Claims Award Fund as a result of adding chiropractic treatment for back injuries of state employees.

Currently the panel of three physicians selected by the employer can include a chiropractor but the inclusion of a chiropractor is not required. The amount of such increase in state expenditures to the Claims Award Fund would depend on the number of claimants that utilize chiropractic treatments and the extent that the addition of those treatments increases payments from the Claims Award Fund above amounts currently paid for treatment of back injuries. This amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Estimate also assumes an increase in local government expenditures as the result of adding chiropractic treatment of back-related injuries of local government employees.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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